affected weaver families of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the detailf thereof alongwith the source of handing over?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In response to an appeal issued by the National Commission for Women in the Hindustan Times on 24th November, 1996, donations amounting to Rs. 9824 have been received so far.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Improvement in the Disaster Management plan for Maharashtra

3066. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised the State Government of Maharashtra to update and improve its Disaster Management Plan for the State;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Government thereto;

(c) whether State Government have submitted any improved plan for the consideration of the Government;

(d) if so, the salient features of the plan;

(e) whether the relief, repairs, restoration and rehabilitation works have since been completed in the State after the recent floods in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) Government of Maharashtra has undertaken to prepare a Disaster Management Plan for the State as an activity under the Maharashtra Emergency Earthquake Rehabilitation Project. The Plan, with emphasis on disaster response, awareness and education, will identify technical, administrative and legal measures to mitigate the impact of disasters.

(e) and (f) Nd instance of a major flood has occurred in Maharashtra during the current year. The State Govenment has informed that necessary relief and rehabilitation measures have been taken in the limited areas affected by floods.

Technical Anomoly on Tenali-Nellore Rail Track

(a) 3067. SHRI YEERA NARAYANASWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether there is some technical anomoly on the rail track between Tenali and Nellore at Singarayakonda in South Central Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that track breachs and traffic disruption usually occur at Singarayakonda on this sector;

(c) whether any effort has been made to study and rectify this defect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHRAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Low Average Yield of Crops in Gujarat

SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the average yield of crops in Gujarat is the lowest in comparison to other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether unirrigated land in the State is the main reason for this; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to take in the this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The average yield of major crops in Gujarat has been fluctuating over the years depending upon the rainfall and weather conditions and in some of the years it has been higher or close to the all-India level. The average yield of Gujarat is comparable with most of the rainfed States like Madhya
Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra having similar agro-ecological conditions.

(c) Higher proportion of unirrigated land in the State is one of the reasons for relatively low yield of crops.

(d) In order to increase the productivity of crops in Gujarat, various crop production oriented programme, namely, Integrated Cereal Development, Programme-Coarse Cereal based Cropping System Areas, Intensive Cotton Development Programme, Oilseeds Production Programme, National Pulses Development project etc., are being implemented. In addition, to augment the irrigation benefits in the State, the Government has taken up accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996-97. Under this programme, Central loan assistance amounting Rs. 101.72 crores has been sanctioned for completion of certain identified irrigation projects in the State of Gujarat.

Pending Litigations in High Courts and Supreme Court

3069. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of all litigaions pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court concering the Forest Act and CRZ on this date;

(b) whether it is a fact that delays are leading to shifting away of industries from country;

(c) whether any effort has been made to expedite resolution of differences in giving environmental clearance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) List of Litigations pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court concerning CRZ is given in the Statement (*See* below). Information is being collected regarding litigations concerning Forest Act.

(b) to (d) Every effort is made to ensure that an application for environmental clearance is decided upon, within 90 days from the time of receipt of the required documentation. In view of this it is not correct that delays in according environmental clearances by the Ministry is leading to shifting away of industries from the country.

Statement

List of litigations pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court concerning CRZ

	Litigations	Name of the Court	Subject
1.	W.P. (C) No. 664/93 filed by Indian Council for Envirol Legal Action V/s U.O.I.	Supreme Court	Serious environmental degradation along the coastal areas.
2.	W.P. No. 561/94 filed by Jaganathan V/s U.O.I & others.	Supreme Court	Acquaculture in Coastal areas.